

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday, February 16, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

Green County – Court Room – Courthouse in Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, , Wiegel and Ludlum of Lafayette County, Blumer, Fiduccia and Roth, from Green County. Ross from Iowa County and Wolfe from Lafayette County were absent and excused. Area Conservation Warden Nick Webster was also present.

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. Tom Jean verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Heimann declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion by Wiegel and second by Fiduccia to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Roth and second by Blumer to approve the Dec. 22, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail.

The advance payments for the 2016-2017 ATV/UTV and Snowmobile funds have been received and all of the paperwork to receive the reimbursements for the 2015-2016 funds have been submitted.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail.

Paul McCarville reported that due to the lack of snow, not much grooming has been needed. The biggest issue has been when to have the trail open/closed. Lee said there was no reason to have the trail open until weather permits and the trail is solid. Warden Webster said that there is a Lafayette County ordinance which is dated 2004 and specifically says that if there is any snow on the trail, there are to be no ATV's allowed and it also says that from Nov. 15th until April 1st it is discretionary as to whether the trail is open or closed .

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

- a. Legislative update: DNR game warden Nick Webster was present to discuss the status of recently passed legislation that allows for dirt bikes to use DNR funded trails. Without knowing the volume of use that the Cheese Country Trail gets from dirt bikes or how much funding is going to be available from the DNR grant program for dirt bikes, the committee decided to wait to make a decision on whether to apply for funding until more information is available.

Public comment: None

Fencing Request. None.

Status of Funds and approval of vouchers. Tom presented the current Status of funds. A motion was made by Wiegel and seconded by Roth to approve and the motion carried.

Invoices presented for payment were from: T-Riders Snowmobile Club - \$202.50 (trail maintenance), T-Riders Snowmobile Club - \$1,290.00 (trail maintenance), Tri County ATV Club - \$1,446.63 (signage), WI County Mutual Insurance \$402.00 (Gen. Liability), WI County Mutual Insurance \$163.00 (Deductible Fund Deposit), and WISNET.com \$336.40 (Website maintenance) for a total of \$3,840.53. A motion was made by Wiegel and seconded by Blumer to approve and the motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM. at the courthouse in Darlington.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Ludlum to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Motion carried

Submitted 3/21/17 TRJ